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State Representative Ruth McClendon sponsors bill for medical school at PV

By Barbara Ramirez
Panther Staff

Texas State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon graced the campus of Prairie View A&M University with her presence at the Biology Honors Recognition Program and Alumni Forum Oct. 11 in the New Science Building.

The PVAMU Biology Department held the Honors Convocation to recognize students with distinguished GPAs throughout their college careers.

The theme of the convocation was "The Dawning of a New Era"—and it was. Not only did students get rewarded for holding high GPAs, students such as Tomea Coleman entertained with a musical interlude and Michael E. Hunter, Jr. showcased his musical talent in an instrumental solo fol-

lowed by the guest speaker, Texas Representative Ruth Jones McClendon.

McClendon spoke on the status of the legislation she is sponsoring to establish a medical school at PVAMU.

McClendon explained her ongoing process to show fellow legislators that PV is ready for a medical school by stating, "We're going to take the feasibility study that was created by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, it clearly delineates the steps that we need to take in order to reach the goal of creating a medical school here. We're going to try to make sure we have the enthusiasm of all the students here at PV, get the alumni engaged in the process and get them to contact each state legislator throughout the state of Texas to let them know how

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Photo by Marques Allen

Dr. George Brown, Interim President Willie Tempton, Representative Ruth Jones McClendon and Dr. E. Joahne Thomas-Smith pictured at the Biology Honors Recognition Program and Alumni Forum at which Representative McClendon received an award.

Business College earns candidacy from accrediting body

By Press Release
Special to the Panther

The College of Business at Prairie View A&M University has been granted candidacy status by the Association for Advancement of Collegial Schools of Business International. A letter from Dean David Manuel of the candidacy committee to Dean Munir Quddus states, "I am pleased to convey to you the AACSB Interna-

tional Candidacy Committee's acceptance of your accreditation plan for the College of Business at Prairie View A&M University. Thus your school has now been admitted to the AACSB International Candidacy. This is the beginning of a process that we hope will assist your school to become accredited."

"The faculty, students, administration and other stakeholders of the College of Busi-

ness at Prairie View A&M University are to be congratulated on your efforts. The candidacy committee is prepared to support the activities necessary to achieve your goal," stated Dean David Manuel.

After receiving pre-candidacy in February 2002, the College of Business had a maximum of two years to apply for candidacy. However, the college chose to compress

the timeline and apply at the earliest opportunity. The college hosted Dean George Stevens, the pre-candidacy advisor, for a two-day visit in August 1-2. Dean Stevens met the faculty, students, staff, senior university officials, members of the dean's advisory board, provost and the president. He wrote a strong letter to the candidacy committee supporting the college's accreditation drive.

The College of Business now has up to five years to prepare for the accreditation visit by the full team. However, according to Dean Quddus, the college is preparing to spend only two years in candidacy. If this plan works, the visitation could take place in fall 2005, with the final decision for accreditation in spring 2006.

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PV's seven day forecast

Wed
Oct 16 Mostly Sunny
70°/51°

Thu
Oct 17 Partly Cloudy
76°/56°

Fri
Oct 18 Scattered Showers
78°/60°

Sat
Oct 19 Scattered Showers
80°/60°

Sun
Oct 20 Showers
78°/55°

Mon
Oct 21 Scattered Showers
72°/58°

Tue
Oct 22 Partly Cloudy
79°/57°

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•National•

Lottery tuition assistance increased in South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - More lottery money will be available for students attending two-year technical schools.

The amount of money available from the Lottery Tuition Assistance program will increase from \$468 per student each semester to \$792 each semester, according to the state Commission on Higher Education.

The amount was increased because fewer students participated in the program than originally projected. About 43,500 students receive funds from the program. A total of \$34 million from lottery money was earmarked for technical college tuition.

Two North Carolina State University grad students fatally shot

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Two graduate students were killed on North Carolina State University's campus in an apparent murder-suicide.

The pair, a 31-year-old woman and a 49-year-old man, was found on the tennis courts near Carmichael Gym about 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Public Safety Director Thomas Younce said.

Police have recovered a handgun and a note that indicated the pair knew each other, Younce said.

A university police officer was jump-starting a car in a nearby parking lot when he heard multiple gunshots, he said.

Officials do not believe the shootings were related to a recent crime spree on campus that included several robberies and an assault, he said.

•World•

Indians protest Columbus Day across Central America

COLOTENANGO, Guatemala (AP) -Thousands of Indians blocked highways across Central America and Mexico on Saturday, protesting Columbus Day and celebrating the region's Indian heritage.

Saturday's protests coincided with the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America in 1492. Many Indian groups oppose Columbus Day celebrations, arguing that the Europeans' arrival marked the start of the Indians' fight to maintain their traditions and land.

"The 12th of October is a symbol of resistance for the Indian communities before the Spanish invasion," said Mario Godinez, a march organizer in Guatemala.

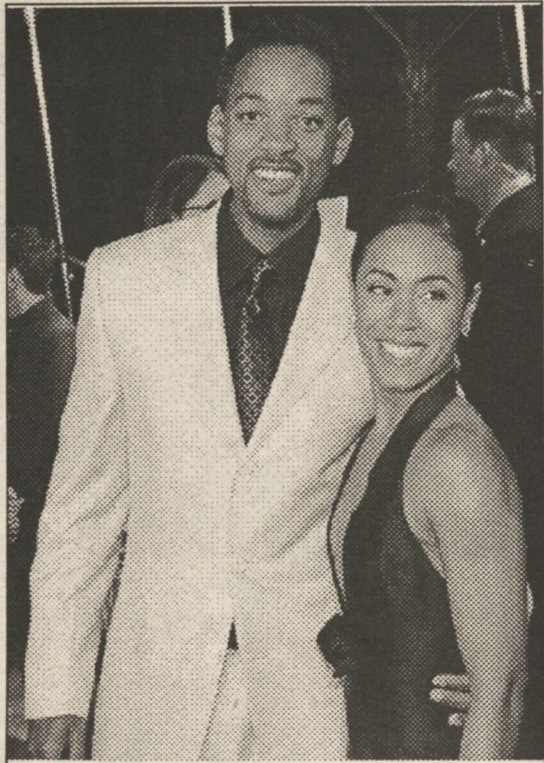
Across the border in Mexico, President Vicente Fox praised the Indian marches, saying they were a "recovery of (the Indian groups') dignity, identity, culture, history."

Nobel Prize winnings to be taxed

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) - Hungarian writer Imre Kertesz may likely keep every penny of the \$1 million Nobel Prize for literature after the government said it plans to make Nobel Prize-related income tax free.

Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy said Friday the government hopes to exempt Kertesz from paying about \$400,000 in taxes on the prize. Kertesz, a Hungarian who survived Auschwitz as a teenager, was awarded the prize Thursday.

Top awards from the Hungarian state are already tax-free.



Will Smith and Jada Pinkett are one of Hollywood's elite and most popular couples.

Britain makes law for birth parents to contact adopted

LONDON (AP) - The British government said Sunday it would change the law to make it easier for mothers to contact children they gave up for adoption decades ago.

Health Minister Jacqui Smith said amendments to the Adoption and Children Bill, which is currently before Parliament, would allow adoption support agencies to act as intermediaries between birth parents and their offspring. The agencies could trace adopted children and ask permission for their identity to be given to a birth parent.

Until the 1970s, single mothers were routinely encouraged to give their babies up for adoption. Many have no idea

what happened to their children.

Smith said the change "will help provide a better service for people separated in the past by adoption who now wish to have contact with each other."

She said the government would provide 70 million pounds (US\$110 million) in funding over three years to the adoption-support agencies.

The bill is designed to replace Britain's 25-year-old adoption legislation.

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Reaching back while looking forward



By Tenesia S. Mathews
Editor-in-Chief

Remember when we were children and we had that one family member or friend who always seemed to be there during hard times to give us an encouraging talk that always seemed to make us want to act better. Well, the same encouragement you needed then is still needed our family and community.

Go back to that same community and family that fostered and cared for your well-being. And if there was no one for you then become someone to the youth in our communities.

They need us. Every day we are losing youth to ludicrous situations that should not even be occurring. But the truth of the matter is if we take all that we've learned while attending PVAMU some of those situations would cease.

We have to start during community service daily. Meaning our whole lives should be dedicated to giving those that are coming behind us a helping hand.

Right now, it probably seems as if you don't have anything to give, but actually you have a lot to give. You have been fortunate enough to attend a university of the

first class. That in itself is enough to rejoice about and want to tell someone about.

Many of us complain about the things that PVAMU doesn't have. What are some of the good things that we do have? Did you know that at A&M it costs \$150 to \$250 for a parking decal and they still don't have spaces either?

But we always want to compare PV to A&M. The truth of the matter is that there is no comparison because we are simply two different entities for two completely different universes.

My point is that we have to start rejoicing and testifying basically about all the pleasant things on campus so more of the youth behind us will want to come to PVAMU and experience some of the same things as we do.

Our neighborhoods are getting worse as time passes because the youth have nowhere to go and nothing to look forward to. But if we give them something to look forward to then we won't have to worry about violence in our schools and in our neighborhoods.

So, return to those people that helped you get where you are today and help some of those who are trying to get here with limited resources.



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for business colleges and schools in the country. The accreditation plan undergoes review by the full candidacy committee before a decision is made. The approval of the plan submitted by Prairie View A&M University indi-

cates that the AACSB Candidacy Committee felt the college and the University is firmly committed to high quality management education, peer review, mission-driven processes and continuous improvement.

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A pat on the back



By L'Rhonda Boyd
News Editor

It has come to my attention just how unaware and unappreciative our student body is toward our student leaders.

A select few students give their time and energy towards making this a better place for the rest of the students.

I'm not saying that other students should kiss the ground that they walk on, but a little appreciation wouldn't hurt. Besides, for those of you who have no business in Harrington Science and you complain about how hard school is, try doing your school work on top of being the leader of an organization.

If you don't believe me then take time out of your busy schedule and come to Harrington Science on any day and at any time of the week. You will see certain students going beyond the call of duty to fulfill the responsibilities that come with their titles.

The Panther staff alone can be found in this building every day until it closes and even later on publication night. We are not alone. The members of SGA and CAB put in long hours as well.

All I am saying is that the students of Prairie View A&M University need to stand behind and support their student leaders. These students are doing something that they want to do. It is not a must for them so do not take them for granted.

If you have ever enjoyed a student event such as Homecoming or Springfest, the student newspaper, or hump day on the hill, then know that there are students working hard at these things.

TAMU funded gay group lambasts Republicans

News Release

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A gay student group at Texas A&M University held an event for "Coming Out Week" Thursday and some members wore T-shirts that said, "Every time a Republican dies, a queer angel gets their wings." A photo of the shirt is posted at <http://www.tamucr.com/glbta.jpg>.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Aggies (<http://glbta.tamu.edu>) — a University-chartered student group — celebrated "Coming Out Week" at the Memorial Student Center (MSC) by sponsoring a booth and distributing literature about sexual orientation.

GLBTA is recognized by Texas A&M's Department of Student Activities as a "social and volunteer" community service group.

Jessica Berkey, chairwoman of the Texas A&M College Republicans and a junior political science major, denounced the T-shirt as a hate message on behalf of GLBTA.

"By allowing its members to wear such a shirt at an official event, GLBTA sets a double standard," Berkey said. "Gay rights groups condemn hate speech, and today's message is hypocrisy at its worst."

Gay student groups say "hate is not an Aggie value" — they should heed their own advice.

GLBTA has received more than \$2,000 from the Department of Student Activities since 1999, according to a Freedom of Information Request filed by The Examiner, a student newspaper at Texas A&M.

The Young Conservatives of Texas, a non-partisan conservative student group unaffiliated with College Republicans, countered GLBTA this week with a table

at the MSC to promote traditional family values.

Tyler Dunman, YCT chairman and a senior political science major, said the club's hate message demonstrates its irrationality.

"Republican Presidents like George W. Bush have supported AIDS research so fewer Americans, many of whom are homosexuals, die from this terrible disease."

Congressman Jim Kolbe from Arizona is a gay Republican: are they urging his death?

While YCT believes the gay lifestyle is harmful and advocates traditional families as the best foundation for society, we never wish ill on any group.

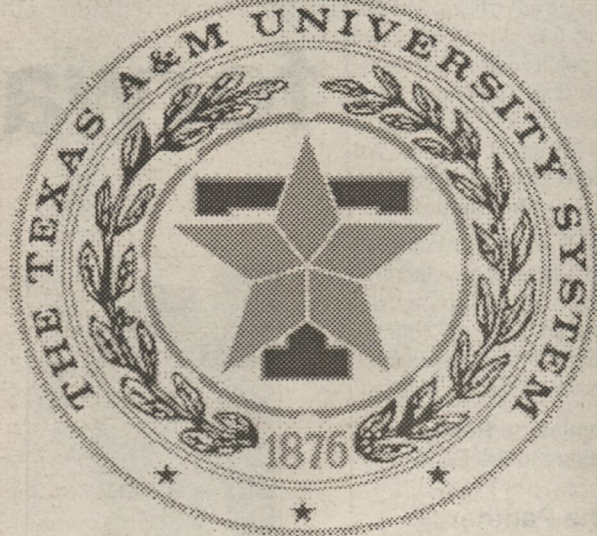
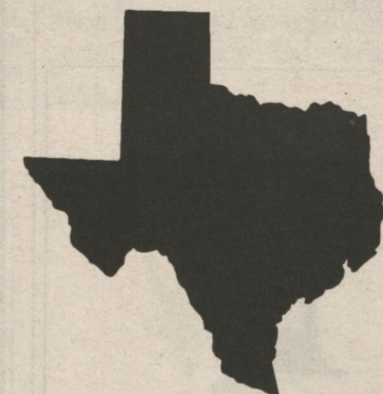
We also have never received public funds for our political activities and we demand that Texas A&M cease providing public funds with which GLBTA can continue to spew such vitriol."

Many GLBTA members are closely affiliated with Allies (<http://allies.tamu.edu>), a network of students, faculty and staff who "provide a safe haven, a listening ear, and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people," also at the expense of the university (Allies is a program of the Department of Student Life).

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important it is to place a medical school program on the campus of PV and if we all work hard—if we all understand what the goal is, we will reach it."

Dr. Andrea Green, a 1975 graduate of the Biology Department, expressed her gratitude to professors and the department by explaining how well-prepared she was for medical school after graduating from the university.

"Even in those years the program was exceptional then, and has just grown to be stronger since then," said Green. She continued, "Prairie View certainly needs to have a medical school—the state needs it."

McKinley B. Harris Jr. a 1964 graduate of PVAMU, said, "Something has gotten started, however, we know it may be an accumulation of hopefully only 3-10 years; but as things have happened in the past, it could be 20 years. However, with God's blessing it will happen."

Current students also anxiously await the birth of a new medical school. "I am very excited about the potential for PV to receive a medical school. I think it's worthwhile for us as African-Americans, so that we can have more African-American professional doctors practice in medicine, and it will heighten Prairie View's potential to recruit more students," said junior biology major Lisa Keys.

Sophomore biology major Abraham Robinson II also showed interest in a new medical school. "I think the medical school is going to be a really good thing for us, because I know it's really tough for us to get into medical school as minorities."

I mean, if you go around the country there's a very small percentage of us. It's going to give us an opportunity to go away from this medical school at Prairie View and go out into the world and show what we can really do."

"In 1944 this school was authorized by state legislation to have a medical school or any other program," said Dr. George E. Brown, head of the Biology Department. However, Dr. Brown ex-

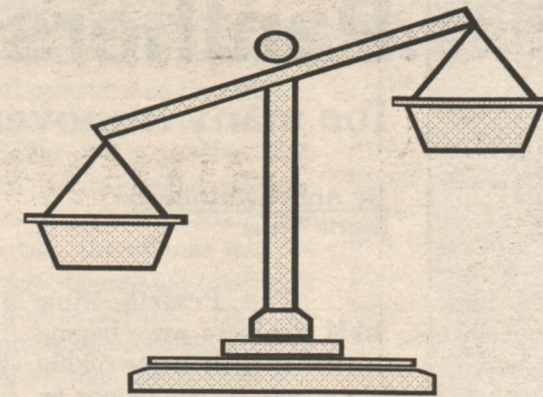
plained that the state has never authorized funds for a medical school.

"Representative Ruth Jones McClendon is sponsoring a bill to fund a medical school at Prairie View—that's with state funding. The thing that she indicated today—what's expected is, we will not get all our funding from the state. Most of the funding comes from philanthropy," said Brown.

Brown continued by explaining that Prairie View needs \$3 million now to begin the process of bringing a medical school to PVAMU.

Brown also said that Prairie View has developed a capitol development program to accumulate the funds. "If the people—you and me, never believed in anything, we would never have anything," said Brown.

Despite all the enthusiasm for a medical school at PV, McClendon explained that not all the money could come from the state. The estimated 10-year cost of the medical is \$125 million. McClendon encouraged everyone, especially alumni to come together and make PV's goal for a medical school a success.



SGA Speaks Out

The Student Government Association apologizes for the inconvenience during homecoming.

SGA did not support the shutting down of the party and is looking into why this action was taken. We also apologize for the misinformation about the notice for homecoming that was printed in the Panther last week.

If there are any question or comments please come by the SGA office in the Harrington Science building.

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Oklahoma beats Texas 35-24 at Cotton Bowl

By Andrew Roberts
Sports Writer

Oklahoma and Texas met at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas for the Red River Shoot Out this past weekend. Texas came into the game ranked number two in the nation. Oklahoma came in with the number three spot.

The Horns jumped on top early taking an 11-point lead in the second quarter. The Sooners would rally scoring 24 unanswered points. Texas quarterback Chris Simms threw three interceptions and only 156 yards in the loss.

Oklahoma running back, Quentin Griffin ran for 248 yards in a dominating rushing performance. The loss drops UT to number 8 seed in the rankings.

Oklahoma moves up to the number two spot in the rankings. Oklahoma has won this match-up the past three times. Texas' hopes of a national title might be a little diminished but not completely over yet.

The loss is Texas' first one of the season. The team will have to bounce back with solid performances if they still want to have a chance of claiming the national title.

Oklahoma still remains undefeated in non-conference and conference play. If Miami slips up anywhere along the way Oklahoma could be a shoe in for the title. Miami barely escaped defeat against Florida State.

Oklahoma is very well coached and the team has a drive to win that really showed in the game against Texas. They battled back from 11 points down to comeback and claim the victory. Whenever these two teams match up it's sure to be a classic.

Panthers not able to get on track

Too many turnovers prove costly for Panthers

By Andrew Roberts
Sports Writer

The Prairie View A&M Panthers were hoping to extend their homecoming win streak to two games on Saturday. Prairie View would have to beat Alcorn State first. Prairie View won the opening toss and elected to receive.

Prairie View's offense moved the ball to their own 41-yard line and on 2nd down and 4 a fumble gave the ball to Alcorn on the P.V. 11-yard line. Alcorn capitalized on the turnover scoring on an 8-yard touchdown run. The extra point was good making the score 7-0.

On their next possession, Prairie View A&M quarterback Deshun Baker's pass was intercepted and returned to the Panther's 2-yard line. Alcorn ran the ball in from 2 yards out and converted the extra point moving the score to 14-0.

Alcorn moved ahead 20-0 when the Panthers answered back. The scoring drive started at the P.V. 45-yard line. The drive was capped off by an 18-yard reception by Robert Douglas that moved the ball to the Alcorn 11-yard line and then an 11-yard touchdown reception by Chris Peters. The extra point was good cutting Alcorn's lead to 20-7. After kicking the ball off the Prairie View defense held Alcorn to minimal gain on a critical 4 and goal situation, and the half end with P.V. down only 13.

Prairie View's defense came out and held strong once again forcing Alcorn to punt. After a run of 15 yards by Joseph Vaughn an Alcorn defender stripped the ball forcing a fumble and returning the ball back to Alcorn. With their backs once again against the wall, the Prairie View defense hoped to prevail once again.

Alcorn's quarterback found a seam in the secondary, hitting his receiver for a 21-yard touchdown and moving the score to 27-7. The

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photo by: Marques Allen

Damon Bankston (8) looks to gain extra yardage against Alcorn defenders during PV's Homecoming game.

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Sunday, October 20, 2002 @ 5:00 PM

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Athlete of the Week



Chris Peters



Number: 82

Position: Split End

Ht. 5'7

Wt. 140

Claim of Fame: In this past Saturday's game, Chris scored on an 11-yard pass from Quarterback Deshaun Baker in the first quarter. He also caught 5 passes for 52 yards. He ran 2 punt returns for 36 yards and 4 kickoff returns for 61 yards.

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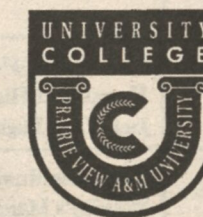
offense hit a road block in the third quarter but the defense held Alcorn scoreless the remainder of the quarter. The third quarter ended with the score still 27-7. In the fourth quarter, the offense was not able to get up enough fire power for the comeback. On their second to last possession, Prairie View was able to score on a 23-yard catch completed by Joseph Vaughn to Jason Ford.

The two-point conversion was not successful and the score was 27-13. Alcorn would add one late score increasing their lead to 20 points. Prairie View would punt on their final possession and the game would end with the score of 33-13. Overall the defense played fairly well. They were put in some tough situations with Alcorn starting many drives deep in Prairie View territory.

The young core of wide receivers Prairie View has continues to improve each game. All of Prairie View's scores the past two games have come from their passing game. Chris Peters caught four passes for fifty two yards and one touch-

down. Robert Douglas chipped in with three catches for sixty yards.

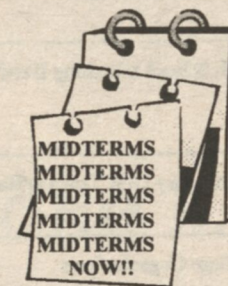
Three costly turnovers lead to three Alcorn State touchdowns. Prairie View's running game was never quite able to get on track during the game. Prairie View's next opponent will be Paul Quinn Saturday October 19, 2002 in Dallas, Texas. Prairie View will be looking to make it two straight against Paul Quinn. Go Panthers!!!!!!



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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November 2	UC housing installment due
November 4	Last day to withdraw from a course with an automatic grade of 'W'
November 12	Early registration begins for spring

- Students returning to school this semester off of suspension should contact the Transitional Advisement Department at 4610/4613 or drop by Delco rooms 1, 148 or 149.

The Prairie View A & M University Story will air on October 29th at 9:00 PM on Channel 8

Simmons, hip-hop activists rally for Kirk campaign

Def Jam CEO holds 3rd annual hip-hop summit in Dallas

By: April Castro
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Hip-hop impresario Russell Simmons wants to see Ron Kirk in the U.S. Senate.

So on Saturday, the godfather of hip-hop culture used his imposing power to encourage the hip-hop community to vote for Kirk in the Nov. 5 election.

Simmons, a New York native who founded Def Jam Records, chose Dallas for his third Hip-Hop Summit, largely in an effort to support Kirk's bid for U.S. Senate.

"It's a race we can win and it's one of the most important races coming up now," Simmons said after addressing a throng of young would-

be musicians for a get-out-the-vote rally. "And it's a hell of a statement for the whole country."

Attendants listened eagerly to the messages of Simmons, U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas, Dallas-based rapper D.O.C. and the Rev. Benjamin F. Muhammad before rushing to Simmons and his entourage with samples of their own music, clamoring for a Def Jam record deal.

A local radio station pumped Ludacris, Nelly and Lil' Flip tunes through the auditorium.

"He's a brother that I know can make a difference in this state and for this state," Simmons said. New York and Los Angeles hosted the two previous summits.

"The fact that you have people in office who, even

though we may not understand everything that's said on those hip-hop records, at least we know what hip hop is and at least we're going to answer the phone when you call," Kirk said to the crowd.

"Your vote is powerful, your vote is your voice and your vote can make a difference in this election," he said.

Kirk pleaded for the vote of the young voters attending the summit.

"For the first time in a long time next January, we'll have a U.S. Senate without Jesse Helms without Strom Thurmond and without Phil Gramm," Kirk said.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us. I need your help I am asking for your help."

David Beckwith, spokesman for Kirk's oppo-

nent Nov. 5, Republican John Cornyn, said the campaign didn't have a comment.

Simmons concurred that the hip-hop community can make a difference in the election.

"Eighty percent of people that buy rap music are not African American," Simmons said. "The hip-hop coalition is a rainbow coalition and it's the first one I've ever seen when I look back on our history that's real."

"When Run DMC got on MTV there were no black people except Michael Jackson and now, it looks like all of America. That's a real opportunity."

The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, national coalition of Hip-hop artists, entertainment executives, civil rights and community leaders, youth and grass-roots activists,

policymakers, researchers and business leaders.

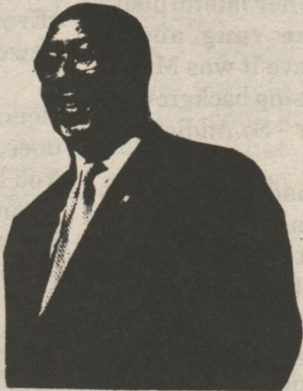
The group's mission is to "support hip-hop freedom, justice, equality, and empowerment for all based on the principles of freedom of speech, music and art creativity and the universality of humanity."



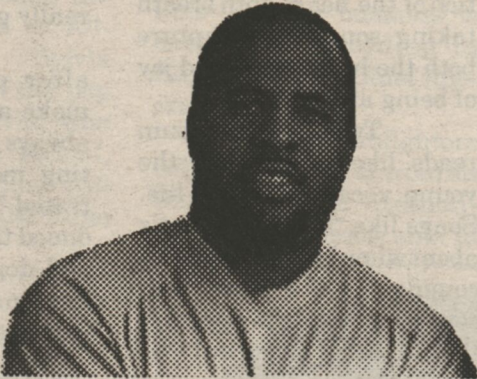
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Elementary Drill Team w/Band	Shadydale Rumbling Rams Whidby's Marching Wildcats	1 st 2 nd
College Organizations	Psi Chi & Psychology Club Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society Reading Council	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
Decorated Float	PVAMU Royal Court Miss PV USA University College	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
Decorated Automobile	PVAMU National Alumni Association PALS Beta Kappa Chi/National Institute of Science	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
Elementary Dance/Drill Team	H-Town Danz All Stars Starlights H-Town All Stars Gray Elementary Eaglettes Dance	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
High School Dance/Drill Team	Houston City-Wide Motion of Soul Dance H-Town Danz All Stars Elite	1 st 2 nd
Elementary Cheerleaders	The Imani School Whidby's Elementary Cheerleaders Beaumont Charter Academy Tigerettes	1 st 2 nd 3 rd
High School JROTC	Barbara Jordan High School JROTC Paul Laurence Dunbar JROTC	1 st 2 nd
Race Cars	Kilpatrick Racing Whitt's Racing Team	1 st 2 nd

Just a couple of CDs



By Yolanda Hadnot
Lifestyles Editor

While watching MTV last night, I viewed commercials from popular artists such as Nelly, Missy, Brittany, D.M.X., Metalica, and Scarface, to name a few.

The commercials were addressing the issue of downloading or MP3ing their albums or select songs onto CDs. Their complaint is that they are missing out on millions of dollars. To them, downloading is the same as stealing and it's criminal.

I do understand that they are missing out on millions although they already have millions, but these criminal allegations that they are throwing out are a bit contradictory. These are the same artists who sing about selling drugs to make it in life. These are the same artists who are viewed in the media often for pulling guns on people or for engaging in other criminal offenses.

The only topic that artists rap or sing about is the money they have or the cars they drive and so the lack of selling shouldn't hurt them. It seems to me that before they get ready to condemn us they need to take a look at their lifestyles.

It's easy to look down on people when it's affecting you, but you expect us to hold you in high esteem with those raunchy lyrics and criminal acts that you participate in. Stop and think. Can they uphold their lives by the same standards they are giving us?

Tweet turns painful memories into music

Hummingbird is music to your ears

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Elektra singing-song writing phenom Tweet is taking the music scene by storm. Her debut album, *Southern Hummingbird*, is a sultry and soulful exploration of the heart, with breath taking songs that capture both the heartbreak and joy of being alive.

Tweet's entire album reads like a diary of the young vocalist's torrid life. Songs like "Motel" — "That's about when I caught my man coming out of a motel with somebody else," she says; and the prayerful "Beautiful" — "is about when someone so stirs your soul they make you lose your religion" — cover both ends of Tweet's incredible depth of range. The haunting "Always Will," is a slow burning gauntlet thrown down from one ex-lover to another. "I wrote that to a man I dated for eight years," says Tweet. "I know he won't be able to love another like he loved me and I have no problem putting that into a song."

The uplifting "Best Friend," dreamily swoops around her angelic vocals, while the Timbaland produced, hip-hop tinged, sexy-knock-around "Oops (Oh My)" — complete with a Missy — as-bad-girl interlude — rivals even Prince's most ravishing moments.

A glimpse into Tweet's journal might suggest that her real best friend just may be Missy Elliot herself. They met back in the

day when they were both aspiring performers. Of course, Missy went on to her unprecedented solo fame, but Tweet was stuck under a heavy handed production deal that — as she puts it — kept her in a holding pattern with a group that never really got off the ground.

"There was promise after promise that we'd make an album but it was always a trip. We were getting more and more frustrated," Tweet finally abandoned the project, penniless and depressed, and fled to her parent's home in Panama City, Florida.

For the first time in her life, Tweet was thinking of giving up her dream. She was even contemplating suicide. She even rehearsed how she would do it. "I was

going to take a bunch of pills. I just existed, hiding from my parents how depressed I really was."

Miraculously, old friend and confidant Missy Elliot called Tweet the day before she was going to go through with her fateful plan. "The phone rang and I couldn't believe it was Missy asking me to sing background vocals on her 'So Addictive' album.

We hadn't spoken in a long time but I felt I could tell her the truth about how I was feeling because she and I had come from the same place having been through the same ordeal. I call her my guardian angel now because she truly rescued me from ending my life. She was God sent!"

Tweet now makes

her home in Atlanta, which has become the new musical mecca for many R&B singers. Asked if the twists and turns on the road to her long-awaited debut album have caused her to change the way she looks at life, she pauses thoughtfully. "Everything happens for a reason.

"I think all the experiences, even the unpleasant ones, have made me stronger. You have to suffer sometimes in order to gain anything. I know there's a time and a place for everything in this life." And Tweet's time is definitely now.

Legendary Sugar Hill Recording Studio Burns Down

Plaques, albums, trophies were the only things salvaged at this historic studio

Associated Press

Golden record albums, multi-platinum plaques, and a Grammy award are among the items that were salvaged after fire destroyed the recording studio that produced what is widely viewed as the first rap music hit.

The fire at Sugar Hill Studio, where the Sugar Hill Gang recorded "Rapper's Delight" in 1979, burned for more than eight

hours early Friday. The song is credited with launching rap music to national prominence.

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' first multi-platinum hit, "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," also was saved from the soot-covered building Saturday.

Leland Robinson, whose parents founded the studio, said he was most thankful that firefighters saved the urn holding his father's ashes.

"That was very im-

portant to me," Robinson told The Sunday Record of Bergen County. "More important than the Grammy. This is where it all started. Numerous artists have went platinum off beats and lyrics in this studio."

Robinson's parents, Joseph and Sylvia, opened the studio in the 1970s as All-Platinum Records. Sylvia Robinson was half of the pop group Micky & Sylvia, who made the 1957 hit record, "Love is Strange." She still owns the studio, but her three

sons operate it.

Firefighters and the Bergen County Arson Squad of the fire, Bergen County Prosecutor John L. Molinelli said.

The arson squad was called because it is standard procedure for large fires where a business is destroyed, according to Englewood Fire Chief Robert G. Moran.

He said firefighters believe the blaze started on the second floor. Authorities have not been able to

get there to investigate because the structure is still too unstable. George Kerr, the studio's general manager, said he plans to reopen Sugar Hill Studio. With owners hoping to reopen this landmark what's next for this studio?

The studio is a landmark for hip-hop and is to be remembered for all times as one of the birth places where it all started.

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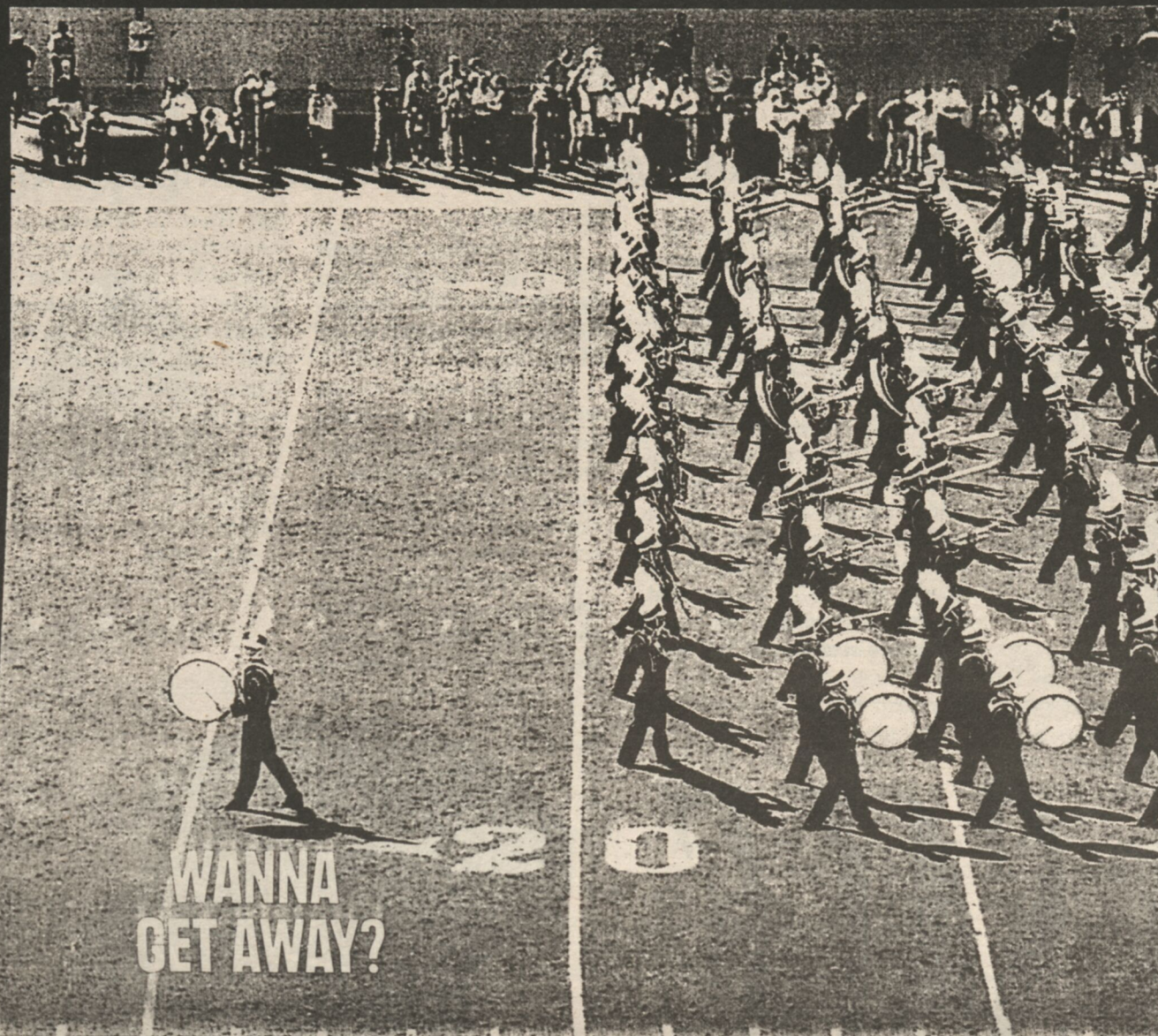
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1. Why do off campus students get mad when on campus students won't treat them to lunch? 2. Can they pack their own lunches? 3. Was the landing of the paratroopers the highlight of homecoming? 4. Should the Sigma who loves to fight be banned from all campus functions? 5. When he crossed did they know they would have to fight at every event? 6. Was every police officer on PV's staff working Saturday? 7. Why was it still only eight of them? 8. Do the Zetas actually believe that they deserved first place? 9. Who was the Kappa they let start the comedy show? 10. Why wasn't the funny? 11. Can one of the students who was running after the fight be recruited as a wide receiver? 12. Why is the girl who was quoted in student poll about violence the same one fighting every week? 13. How come only one CSO organization participated in the step show? 14. Why was the step show over so early? 15. How many people were only at the party for one hour because of the fights? 16. Why don't engineering students get supplied with laptops? 17. Why are the track boys always trying to jump somebody? 18. Did the Sigmas do a good job in the step show? 19. Or should they just give up on steppin? 20. What do you think?

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